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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Disclosed herein is an apparatus designed to assist the manual transportation of large, heavy or unwieldy articles. The preferred embodiment of the present invention is an economically-designed mattress caddy fabricated of a variety of strong light-weight materials (e.g. nylon, aluminum) to provide the functionality and durability required by the nature of its usage. The main components of the present invention include a support strap, with handles formed at each end, and two cradle assemblies.

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To utilize the present invention in the transportation of a mattress, it is first laid out lengthwise, with the cradle assemblies positioned open-end-up, to facilitate the loading of the mattress. The cradle assemblies are then positioned along the strap at an interval that measures somewhat less than the length of the mattress with each assembly an equivalent distance from one of the handles. A long edge of the mattress is then placed into, and thereafter supported/cradled by, each of the cradle assemblies. At this point, each individual grasps one of the handles with one hand, places his/her other hand on opposite surfaces of the vertically-oriented mattress to balance the load, and lifts the mattress off of the ground/floor.

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